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SUBJECT: 15TH MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANDEAN

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1. THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CAF) WAS HELD AT COCHABAMBA NOVEMBER 11 TO 13 AND ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS AND EMBASSY CONVERSATIONS WITH BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED, THE MEETING WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED A SUCCESS. THE DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE POLICY AND DIRECTIONS THAT CAF SHOULD TAKE OVER THE COMING 5 YEARS AND APPROVED FOUR MAJOR POLICY DOCUMENTS; THE CAF PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, A PAPER ON CAF'S ROLE IN THE NEXT STEPS OF THE ANDEAN INTERGRATION MOVEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING OF CAF, AND THE CONCLUDING ACT OF THE MEETING. DURING THE DIRECTORS MEETING BOLIVIA PROPOSED ITS CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO PERU, GENERAL JULIO SANJINES GOITIA, TO REPLACE RETIRING CAF PRESIDENT ADOLFO LINARES, ALSO A BOLIVIA, NO CONCENSUS WAS REACHED, HOWEVER, AND BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS INDICATE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD BY ANDEAN PACT MEMBERS

IN GUAYAQUIL STARTING NOVEMBER 20 WHICH WILL CONSIDER THE ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION, THE ANDEA PACT JUNTA, AND CAF, WITH FORMAL SELECTION OF NEW PSOITIONS TO OCCUR LATER IN 1975 OR EARLY 1976.

- 2. THE PRESIDENT OF CAF'S BOARD, VENEZUELA'S FRANCOIS MOANAKE, IN A SPEECH TO THE DIRECTORS SAID THAT CAF WOULD REQUIRE \$12 BILLION OVER THE 1976-1980 PERIOD TO FINANCE THE ANDEAN REGION'S DEVELOPMENT. TO MEET CAF'S FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM OF ACTION, HE SAID, WOULD REQUIRE INTENSIFIED COOPERATION WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, A GREATER EFFORT TO TAP INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS, INCLUDING PETRO-DOLLARS AND EURO-DOLLARS, AND STRENGTHENED RELATIONS BETWEEN CAF AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO PLANNING, INTERGRATION AND FOREIGN COMMERCE. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE MEETING, ADOLFO LINARES SAID THAT CAF HAD GAINED SUFFICIENT PRESPGE TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL FINANCING AND THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE IBRD AND IDB HAD BEEN AUSPICIOUS AND INDICATED A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY FINANCING DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
- 3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE PAPER ON CAF'S ROLE IN THE ANDEAN INTEGRATION MOVEMENT INDICATES THAT BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR, THE REGION'S LEAST DEVELOPED MEMBERS, WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. IT ALSO PROPOSED THAT IN ADDITION TO FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, CAF SHOULD ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, MOBILIZING RESOURCES, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND SUPPORTING THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN THE REGION. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, CHILE'S DIRECTOR, ROBERTO FRESAD, SAID AN IMPORTANT CONCERN OF THE MEETING WOULD BE ACHIEVING AN INCREASED PRESENCE BY CAF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ANDEAN COMMISSION AND THE ANDEAN JUNTA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THESE THREE ENTITIES.
- 4. MUCH OF THE PRESS COVERAGE IN LA PAZ WAS DEVOTED TO THE SIGNING OF \$35.7 MILLION IN CAF LOANS TO BOLIVIA, \$18.7 MILLION FOR A BENZEZ/APTHALENE PLANT, \$12 MILLION FOR A CEMENT PLANT AND \$5 MILLION FOR A PESTICIDE PLANT, AND THE APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF AN ADDITIONAL \$6.7 MILLION; \$4.55 MILLION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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A \$49 MILLION TIN SMELTER PROJECT, \$1.76 MILLION FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF AN IRRIGATION/HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND \$0.4 MILLION FOR THE FINAL DESIGN OF A ROAD PROJECT. STEDMAN

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